crores approximately for each year. The sulphur imported during 1983 is 1.00 lakh tonnes valued at Rs. 988 lakhs approximately. In 1984 contract is yet to be concluded for import of 50,000 MT.

(d) No final decision as yet is taken in this regard.

(c) No, Sir.

126. [*Transferred to the 8th August, 1984.*]

Retirement of Station Director of Hyderabad Doordarshan

127. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Station Director of Doordarshan, Hyderabad has been forced to seek retirement; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Director, Upgraha Doordarshan Kendra, Hyderabad had asked for voluntary retirement from Government service with effect from the afternoon of 30-4-1984 and he was permitted to retire from service from that date.

Meeting of Chief Electoral Officers

128. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Chief Election Commissioner convened a meeting of the Chief Electoral Officers on July 13, 1984; and

(b) if so, what are the recommendations made by the conference?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI JAGAN NATH KAUSHAL): (a) Yes, Sir. The conference of the Chief Electoral Officers was held on the 13th, 16th and 17th July, 1984.

(b) The Election Commission have intimated that the recommendations made by the conference are still at the stage of finalisation.

Persons on waiting lists for L.P.G. connections

129. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of persons on the waiting lists for the provision of LPG connections in the country as on the 30th June, 1984; and

(b) the number of LPG connections provided during the last three months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR MISHRA): (a) The number of persons on waiting lists as on 30-6-84, in regard to Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation are 18.70 lakhs. In regard to Indian Oil Corporation the waiting list is 15.64 lakhs as on 31-3-1984.

(b) Around 2.50 lakh connections have been given during the last 3 months.

New LPG Agencies

130. DR. (SHRIMATI) NAJMA HEPTULLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names of the places in the country where LPG agencies of various oil companies have been opened during the last six months; and

(b) what are the names of the places in the country where such agencies are likely to be opened during the next six months?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PETROLEUM IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI GARGI SHANKAR